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What is claimed is:

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1. A vibration isolator, comprising:
2 a housing that has an outer non-circular seat;
3 a support plate that has a non-circular shoulder; and,
4 a pendulum assembly coupled to said support plate.)

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2. The vibration isolator of claim 1, wherein said
outer non-circular seat has a tapered surface.

3. The vibration isolator of claim 1, wherein said
pendulum assembly includes a cable that is coupled to a
piston and said support plate, said piston being coupled to
said housing.

4. The vibration isolator of claim 3, wherein said
housing has an inner non-circular seat and said piston has
a non-circular outer top surface.

5. The vibration isolator of claim 3, wherein said
housing includes an inner cylinder which defines a first

3 inner chamber and is located within a second inner chamber,
4 said piston being located within said first inner chamber.

1 6. The vibration isolator of claim 5, wherein said
2 inner cylinder includes a damping element.

1 7. The vibration isolator of claim 3, wherein said
2 piston has an inner cavity that contains a damping fluid.

8. A vibration isolator, comprising:
a housing that has an inner non-circular seat;
a support plate;
a piston that has a non-circular outer surface; and,
a cable coupled to said piston and said support plate.

1 9. The vibration isolator of claim 8, wherein said
2 inner non-circular seat includes a tapered surface.

1 10. The vibration isolator of claim 8, wherein said
2 housing has an outer non-circular seat and said support
3 plate has a non-circular shoulder.

1 11. The vibration isolator of claim 8, wherein said
2 housing includes an inner cylinder which defines a first
3 inner chamber and is located within a second inner chamber,
4 said piston being located within said first inner chamber.

1 12. The vibration isolator of claim 11, wherein said
2 inner cylinder includes a damping element.

13. The vibration isolator of claim 8, wherein said
piston has an inner cavity that contains a damping fluid.

14. A vibration isolator, comprising:
a housing that has outer alignment means;
a support plate that has means for aligning with said
4 housing; and,
5 a pendulum assembly coupled to said support plate.

1 15. The vibration isolator of claim 14, wherein said
2 pendulum assembly includes a cable that is coupled to a
3 piston and said support plate, said piston being coupled to
4 said housing.

1 16. The vibration isolator of claim 15, wherein said
2 housing has inner alignment means and said piston has means
3 for aligning with said housing.

1 17. The vibration isolator of claim 15, wherein said
2 housing includes an inner cylinder which defines a first
3 inner chamber and is located within a second inner chamber,
4 said piston being located within said first inner chamber.

1 18. The vibration isolator of claim 17, wherein said
2 inner cylinder includes a damping element.

1 19. The vibration isolator of claim 15, wherein said
2 piston has an inner cavity that contains a damping fluid.

1 20. A vibration isolator, comprising:
2 a housing that has inner alignment means;
3 a support plate;
4 a piston that has alignment means for aligning with
5 said housing; and,
6 a cable coupled to said piston and said support plate.

1 21. The vibration isolator of claim 20, wherein said
2 housing has outer alignment means and said support plate
3 has means for aligning with said housing.

1 22. The vibration isolator of claim 20, wherein said
2 housing includes an inner cylinder which defines a first
3 inner chamber and is located within a second inner chamber,
4 said piston being located within said first inner chamber.

23. The vibration isolator of claim 22, wherein said
inner cylinder includes a damping element.

24. The vibration isolator of claim 20, wherein said
piston has an inner cavity that contains a damping fluid.

1 25. A method for aligning a support plate of a
2 pneumatic vibration isolator, comprising:
3 releasing a fluid from a housing of a vibration
4 isolator such that a support plate becomes seated within a
5 non-circular seat of the housing.

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1 26. The method of claims 25, further comprising
2 attaching a payload to the support plate.

3 27. A method for aligning a support plate of a
4 pneumatic vibration isolator, comprising:

5 charging a housing with a fluid so that a piston is
6 seated within a non-circular seat of a housing.

28. The method of claim 27, further comprising
attaching a payload to the support plate.

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